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1st Vice Chairwoman • 12th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

Dear Neighbor,

I hope that this finds you in the best of health and spirits this holiday season. The 2018 budget presented some unique challenges. A structural deficit many years in the making once again left the County Board with very few options to fund our transportation system, other important services, and invest in our future. With that being said, this Board made it a priority to adopt a budget that would respect the will of the people who said "No" to the proposed wheel tax increase. Furthermore, we wanted to protect essential services by giving control back to respective department heads over making specific decisions on where to find savings. By eliminating County Executive Abele's \$60 wheel tax proposal, Milwaukee County was able to adopt a responsible budget that will spend less by holding off on unnecessary projects and developments while also asking departments to contribute by finding savings wherever possible. As always, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at **(414) 278-4269** or cell **(414) 915-3353** or by email at **peggy.west@milwaukeecountywi.gov**.

I am planning a series of listening sessions for this spring and summer to gather your ideas on Milwaukee County government going forward. As always, I hope to hear from you as I am out and about in District 12.

Yours Truly,

Peggy A. West - Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 12



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13th Annual Southside National Night Out

The 13th Annual Southside National Night Out celebration took place on Tuesday, August 2nd. The event featured displays from the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, and showcased a variety of community organizations.

Attendees enjoyed hot dogs, chips and water. Entertainment was provided by DJ Monk and Nabori. Dignitaries, including Alderman José G. Pérez, Mayor Tom Barrett, DA John Chisolm, and Congresswoman Gwen Moore attended the opening ceremonies. Thanks again to our many generous sponsors!



*Community Liaison
Officers Jose Acevedo
& Eli Contreras, District
Attorney John Chisholm,
District 12 Alderman
José G. Pérez and her
little constituent, Bellitza
Fonseca of Walkers Point,
joined Supervisor West in
Kosciuszko Park to enjoy
the 13th Annual South
Side National Night Out.
This year's theme was
"Hugs, not Drugs".*

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Supporting Our Dreamers

Earlier this year, I was proud to co-author a resolution with several colleagues in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA. I was strongly opposed to the President's decision to rescind DACA and, as such, felt that it was imperative to work with fellow colleagues on a resolution that would simultaneously state Milwaukee County's opposition to the President's stance on DACA and voice support for the nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrant nationwide who are protected by DACA.

DACA grants two-year stays and work permits to undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States before their 16th birthday. Applicants are required to have attended school or joined the military and cannot have committed any serious crimes in order to even apply. This program is designed to aid and protect the immigrants who need it the most: those who had no say in the decision to come to the U.S., who have known nothing besides life in this country, and who are responsible and want to make the most of the opportunities in front of them.

The President's decision to rescind DACA is one that I find both irresponsible and counterproductive. The DACA program has given young immigrants an opportunity to both pursue their education and to be able to work legally in our country.



Voces de la Frontera, and DACA recipient Daniel Guitierrez, lend their support to Supervisors West and Dimitrijevic's legislation to support the reinstatement of the DACA program.

Rescinding the program would convert hundreds of thousands of documented immigrants into undocumented immigrants, a cruel punishment for youth who have done nothing wrong.

I am in full support of DACA, as well as the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act. DREAMers do not deserve to live in fear in the shadows; they are a welcome part of our communities who are here to stay and I stand with them. I am honored to represent you, the 12th District, immigrants and non-immigrants alike and I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that both you and all others who live in Milwaukee County are treated with the dignity and respect you deserve.

Be a Hero, Save a Live, BE A DONOR

In September, Municipal Judges Derek Mosley and JoAnn Eiring spoke to the county board and shared the story of their organ donation journey with us. Judge Mosley was going through kidney dialysis for 10 hours each day just to function and was entirely dependent upon finding an organ donor. He was one of the lucky few, because his friend Judge Eiring discovered she was a match. Here are some amazing facts that were shared with us from their experience as an organ donor and recipient:

- Did you know that there are more than 116,000 people waiting for a life-saving transplant?
- Every 10 minutes a name is added to the national transplant waiting list.
- Every day 22 people die from the lack of available organs for transplant.
- Half of the people waiting for a kidney transplant are people of color.
- One deceased donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and can save and enhance more than 75 lives through the lifesaving and healing gift of tissue donation.
- Organs that can be donated after death are the heart, liver, kidneys, lungs, pancreas and small intestines and tissues include corneas, skin, veins, heart valves, tendons, ligaments and bones.
- A healthy person can become a 'living donor' by donating a kidney or a part of the liver. Learn more about living donation at DonateLifeWisconsin.org.



Sup. West invited Judges Derek Mosley and JoAnn Eiring to share their inspirational story with the County Board as they celebrated their first, "Kidneyversary". In July of 2016, Judge Eiring donated her kidney to Judge Mosley who was on dialysis 10 hours a day while waiting for a donor kidney. The best friends shared their experiences as well as great information on organ donation with the entire County Board.

- About 5,000 living donations occur each year.
- One in four donors is not biologically related to the recipient.
- Blood and bone marrow are also desperately needed. Visit BeTheMatch.org for more info about the national marrow registry.
- Even if you have an organ donor dot on your driver's license or state ID, you may not be legally registered as an organ, tissue and eye donor. To authorize your donation decision, say YES to donation at the DMV or register online right now at DonateLifeWisconsin.org

Save Our Domes Coalition



The Save Our Domes Coalition launched in June of 2017 and has been working to connect with supporters of the Mitchell Park Domes throughout the Greater Milwaukee area. Coalition members and volunteers have been actively engaging with the community at various community festivals, farmer's markets and local summer events. Thank you for your support of the Domes!

The Milwaukee County Task Force on the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes met on August 8, 2017 to coincide with the start of a feasibility study to develop options for the future of the Domes. At this meeting members of the consulting team, led by HGA Consultants, were introduced along with specifics on the project goals, timeline, and work plan. The feasibility study will be divided into two phases, with completion targeted for December 2017 (Phase 1 – Feasibility) and February 2018 (Phase 2 – Public Outreach). The consultants shared that the analysis of feasibility will include several factors which are equally dependent on each other. For example, when looking at economic feasibility other factors such as the current operator, location of the buildings, target audience, attendance potential, and availability of gift and/or grant funding will all be analyzed.

As the project moves through Phase I and Phase II, public input and support will be crucial to show the significance of the Mitchell Park Domes to the community. This point was emphasized by members of the public in attendance who urged the consultants and Task Force to consider the social impacts of the Domes to the surrounding neighborhood. As a part of the feasibility study, the consultant team is tasked with planning public input sessions on the Domes. The dates of these sessions have not been set, however, we will work to notify supporters as soon as the information is available.

Remaining Domes Task Force meetings have been scheduled through the end of 2017. These meetings are open to public and I encourage you to attend to show support for finding a preservation minded solution for the Mitchell Park Domes. Upcoming meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Domes on November 14, December 12, and January 16 (tentative).

Be sure to follow the Save Our Domes Facebook page for updates on task force meetings and scheduled public input sessions and sign the petition to save the Domes at www.savingplaces.org/Domes. Thank you!

MKE Heroin Diaries

2017 saw a 72% increase in overdose deaths in Milwaukee County, 343 in total, 148 a result of heroin and 97 attributed to fentanyl. I believed that education was a key component missing in our battle against this epidemic, so partnering with Pastor Marty Calderon, God's Touch Milwaukee and Raphael Mercado, TEAMHAVOC, Inc. we created MKE HEROIN DIARIES. As we began our work, we partnered with many other organizations including the faith community, non-profits and the private sector to distribute information, hold meetings and inform the public. To date, MKE Heroin Diaries runs a very active Facebook page that is used to distribute information on local and national opioid issues, treatment programs, recovery resources and personal stories from people deeply affected by the opioid epidemic. In addition, we have held over a dozen town hall meetings in each corner of the county to educate the public on heroin/fentanyl use and abuse, treatment and life after opioids. We hold these meetings with the help of Rachael Cooper (AIDS Resource Center of WI), Nzinga Khalid (Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division) and Laura Haas (United Community Center Treatment & Recovery Center.) An important part of these town hall Meetings is Narcan training. Each attendee is trained in the use of Narcan to treat overdose and then when available, receives a dose of Narcan to administer in an emergency. Part of the ongoing mission of MKE Heroin Diaries is to train as many people as possible to be able to administer Narcan.



These days, it's very hard to find someone who is not affected by the heroin epidemic, who has not lost a loved one or a friend, or doesn't know someone who has. We are seeing the willingness of people who once hid their or their loved one's addiction to come forward to get help and share their stories to help encourage others to do the same. This makes our work even more important. If you, your group, your neighbors, or your church would like to learn more, please contact my office at 414-278-4269 to schedule an MKE Heroin Diaries presentation.



Sup. West with her Godchildren, Noah Mooney, Noel Goyco, Nicole Rodriguez & Nico Longoria who lost their mother, Sandra Gomez, to a drug overdose in September 2016. Sandra was very active in the community with both MPS and MPD District 2. As a block watch captain and well respected neighbor, her death continues to be a shock to her neighbors, loved ones and friends.



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 <p>800 W. Wells St., Milwaukee (414) 278-2728 • www.mpm.edu</p> <p>Kohl's Thank You Thursdays: Free to all the first Thursday of every month. County residents get \$2 off every day.</p>	 <p>MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM 700 N. Art Museum Dr., Milwaukee (414) 224-3200 • www.mam.org</p> <p>Free the first Thursday of every month for all visitors, sponsored by Meijer.</p>



The County Board of Supervisors is excited to announce the launch of Polco, an innovative community engagement platform for neighbors to directly influence Milwaukee County's decision-making process! We have already started posting questions to the community that you can answer by going to <https://polco.us/milwaukeecounty> and creating an account.

IMPORTANT COUNTY NUMBERS

Supervisor Peggy A. West 278-4269	Dept. on Aging 289-6874	Milwaukee County Sheriff 278-4766
County Board of Supervisors 278-4222	Dept. of Health & Human Services 289-6817	Milwaukee County Transit System 344-6711
County Executive 278-4211	Disabilities Services Division 289-6660	Milwaukee County Zoo 771-3040
Behavioral Health Division 257-6995	District Attorney 278-4653	Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2700
Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600	Economic & Community Development 278-4905	Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Child Support Enforcement 278-5160	Economic Support Division 289-6000	Mitchell Park Domes 257-5611
Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362	Election Commission 278-4060	Office of Persons & Disabilities 278-3932
Courts	House of Correction 427-4700	TTY 278-3937
Criminal Court 278-4538	Humphrey IMAX Dome Theater 278-2728	Register in Probate 278-4444
Civil Court 278-4120	Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7206	Register of Deeds 278-4011
Children's Court 257-7700	Medical Examiner 223-1200	Timmerman Airport 461-3222
Small Claims Court 278-4140	Mental Health Complex 257-6995	Veterans Services 278-4054
County Clerk 278-4067	Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200	War Memorial Center 273-5533
County Treasurer 278-4033	Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288	Wehr Nature Center 425-8550
Dept. of Audit Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD	Milwaukee County Parks 257-PARK	

In the Community With Supervisor Peggy West



From left: 1. Sup. West celebrates Mexican Fiesta 2017 with Jesus Salas & her constituent, Ernesto Chacon, at the opening ceremony. 2. Sup. West steps off in the 2017 Pride Parade with Eileen Figueroa de Lopez, LULAC Milwaukee President. 3. State & local legislators show their support at the 2017 May Day March hosted by Voces de la Frontera.